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Dear Dr. Daniel Canada:

Congratulations on your selection to receive a 2009 Fulbright grant to Africa.

On behalf of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), which sponsors and administers the Fulbright Program, we look forward to your attendance at the Pre-Departure Orientation, held in Washington, DC from Wednesday, June 24 through Friday, June 26.

The Pre-Departure Orientation, organized by ECA, provides you with practical information on living in Africa as well as administrative details related to your Fulbright grant. Additionally, the orientation will provide time to meet your fellow 2009 Fulbright U.S. students and scholars. Recently returned Fulbrighters, ECA officials, and IIE/CIES program staff will lead sessions and be available to answer your questions.

Please register online at <http://fulbright.state.gov/orientation/af-nea-sca> no later than Friday, May 22 2009.

The costs associated with your travel and accommodations for the length of the orientation will be covered by the U.S. Department of State. Hotel accommodations will be made on your behalf. A travel allowance of \$100 and a total per diem amount of \$50 will be provided to you at the orientation check-in. All travel arrangements to the Pre-Departure Orientation must be made through an online booking system. Instructions for making those reservations will be sent via email shortly. If you have any questions regarding your hotel stay, domestic travel and/or per diem, please contact fulbrightorientation@iie.org.

Attendance at the Pre-Departure Orientation is mandatory. Exceptions will only be granted on a case-by-case basis.

Further details regarding the orientation will be provided once you have registered. Information on dependents accompanying you to the Pre-Departure Orientation is located on the orientation website, <http://fulbright.state.gov/orientation/af-nea-sca>, under the section titled "Dependents." We recommend that you also periodically visit the orientation website for important updates.

We look forward to seeing you in June!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Bradley".

Robin Bradley
Chief of African Programs Branch
Office of Academic Exchange Programs